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### **PUBLIC RADIO'S 'CAPITOL TALK' KICKS OFF JAN. 9**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Montana Public Radio will begin airing “Capitol Talk,” a weekly program providing analysis of the Montana Legislature, on Friday, Jan. 9.

“Capitol Talk” is hosted by MTPR News Director Sally Mauk and features veteran political reporters Mike Dennison and Chuck Johnson of Lee Newspapers’ Capitol Bureau. The show will air every Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. and will be available on-demand at the station’s Web site at <http://www.mtpr.org>.

“The 2009 Montana Legislature promises to be a lively session, with legislators and the governor sparring over how best to allocate a shrinking budget,” Mauk said.

“The biggest focus will be the budget,” Dennison said, “but energy conservation and development, as well as health care and the federal economic stimulus package, may be issues in the forefront.”

“Capitol Talk” is part of MTPR’s comprehensive coverage of the Legislature. The station also features reports on important legislative debates and issues from capitol reporter Emilie Ritter, airing Monday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

MTPR provides residents of western and central Montana with a noncommercial, free public radio service, featuring award-winning Montana and NPR news, as well as cultural,



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